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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Patent Application of : Group Art Unit: 1611
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VIRAL INFECTIONS : (WFU 9503)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 20-33, 39-44, 50-55, 72-81, 88-94, 97-98, 100 and 102, without prejudice to the presentation of these claims in any subsequently filed divisional or continuation application.

REMARKS

Claims 56-71, 95-96 and 101 are pending in the application. Claims 20-33, 39-44, 50-55, 72-81, 88-94, 97-98, 100 and 102 have been cancelled. Claims 1-19, 34-38, 45-49, 82-87 and 99 were previously cancelled by the first Preliminary Amendment filed October 4, 1999. Since the amendment made herein pertains only to the cancellation of claims, no new matter is introduced by the present Preliminary Amendment.

A Response to Restriction Requirement accompanies this Preliminary Amendment.

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Additionally, a Request for Corrected Filing Date, along with the appropriate supporting documentation, accompanies this Preliminary Amendment and Applicants respectfully request correction of this error.

Applicants have also included with this Preliminary Amendment a Revocation and Appointment of Attorney by Assignee, which has been executed on behalf of the assignees (Wake Forest University and The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill) of the above-referenced application.

Entry of this amendment prior to examination of the above-referenced application and favorable examination of the pending claims are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosures: Request for Corrected Filing Date and enclosures noted on Request;
Revocation and Appointment of Attorney by Assignee; and
Response to Restriction Requirement with Petition for extension of time-1 month